

WE CLAIM:

1. A monitoring camera comprising:
  - a camera housing;
  - 5 a camera body housed in the camera housing;
  - a lens barrel protruding from the camera housing; and
  - a lens housing provided for protecting the lens barrel,
  - wherein the lens housing is detachably mounted on the camera housing by bayonet engagement.
- 10 2. A monitoring camera according to claim 1, further comprising a zooming knob and a focusing knob each protruding from an outer periphery of the lens barrel.
- 15 3. A monitoring camera comprising:
  - a camera housing having an opening;
  - a camera body housed in the camera housing;
  - a lens barrel protruding from the camera housing;
  - a lens housing formed integrally with the camera housing for
  - 20 protecting the lens barrel, the lens housing having a side peripheral wall and an opening formed in the peripheral wall thereof;
  - a cylindrical cover turnably fitted in the opening of the camera housing so as to cover the lens barrel, the cover having a side peripheral wall and an opening formed in the peripheral wall, the cover being turned so
  - 25 that the openings of the lens housing and the cover are placed one upon the other.
4. A monitoring camera according to claim 3, further comprising a

zooming knob and a focusing knob each protruding from an outer periphery of the lens barrel into the opening of the lens housing.

5. A monitoring camera comprising:

5 a camera housing;

a camera body housed in the camera housing;

a lens barrel protruding from the camera housing;

a lens housing provided for protecting the lens barrel; and

10 a bayonet mounting structure provided on the camera housing and the lens housing so that the lens housing is detachably mounted on the camera housing.